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**VA's Top Doctor Named Among Top 20 Most Influential People in Healthcare**

*Dr. Carolyn Clancy selected by Modern Healthcare Magazine from reader and editor recommendations*

*Modern Healthcare Magazine* recently ranked Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy, the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Interim Under Secretary for Health, as number 19 in its annual ["100 Most Influential People in Healthcare"](#) poll. Dr. Clancy has appeared on the publication's notable list for 11 straight years.

"This is a well-deserved recognition of Dr. Clancy's expertise, knowledge, judgment and informed approach to developing and implementing new initiatives here at VA," said VA Secretary Robert McDonald. "As anyone who knows and works with Dr. Clancy can attest, she is a person of enormous integrity, tireless work ethic and a deep love and respect for Veterans. As VA undergoes a transformation focused on delivering the best outcomes for patients, Dr. Clancy brings a dedication to quality and safety that is exemplary."

As Interim Under Secretary for Health at VA, Dr. Clancy oversees the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the Nation's largest integrated healthcare system. VHA provides care for millions of Veterans at 1,700 hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities and Readjustment Counseling Centers.

Dr. Clancy most recently joined VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald in launching VA's [Blueprint for Excellence](#). The Blueprint outlines the steps VA will be taking to improve performance, promote a positive culture of service, advance healthcare innovation for Veterans and the country and increase access to care and accountability.

Prior to assuming the duties of the Interim Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Clancy joined VA in August of 2013 as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, for Quality, Safety and Value, where she served as the Chief Quality Management Officer for VHA. A general internist and health services researcher, Dr. Clancy is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research and is a member of numerous health-related editorial boards. A link to Dr. Clancy's complete biography and career highlights can be found [here](#).

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